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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

TO THE BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1948.

SECTION A.- STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN AREA.

1.	(a).	Your district covers an area of	1,543 Acres.
	(b).	Population (Registrar General's Census) App.	5,784
	(c).	Number of inhabited houses end of 1948.	1,592
	(d).	Number of families or separate occupiers.	1,784
	(e).	Rateable Value (Reduced).	£16,900
	(f).	Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V.	£63.0.0

UNEMPLOYMENT. The average number of unemployment for the year was 150 weekly, out of an insurable population of 2,000 which is equivalent to 7.5.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

			Total	M.	F.	
(g).	Live Births	Legitimate	Total. 102	47	51	Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population mid 1948 17.64
		Illegitimate		2	2	
(h)	Still Births	Legitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1000 total. (live & still births) 17.80
		Illegitimate				
(i.)	Deaths		58	30	28	Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population (average) 10.10

(j) Deaths from puerperal causes.....NIL.
Other Puerperal causes.....NIL
Total.....NIL

(k) Death Rate of infants under one year of age:-
All infants per 1,000 live births..... 9.61
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births. 9.61
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births..... NIL.

(l) Cancer (all ages).....7
(m) Deaths from Measles (all ages).....NIL.
(n) Deaths from Whooping Caough (all ages).....NIL
(o) Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) NIL.

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

9 (i) MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. LESLIE WILLIAMS, L.M.S.S.A.

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

J.E. VAUGHAN EVANS, F.R.I.C.S.,
M.I. MUN.E. (TESTAMUR)., M.R. SAN.I., A.M.I.S.E.,
REGISTERED ARCHITECT.

(ii) This section is identical to previous reports.

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i). WATER. The whole of the Town's supply is obtained from the Llanelly Rural District Council under agreement. (15 years from 1st April 1934 at 7d per 1,000 gallons). No complaints have been received regarding the quality or quantity). My Council are in negotiation with the Llanelly Rural District Council for their terms for a new Agreement or an extension of the existing one, which expires on the 31st March, 1949.

Periodical tests are taken by the Rural Council Engineer who has informed my Council that they are satisfactory.

DAILY CONSUMPTION. The consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic Consumption.....	29.53	galls per head per day
Industrial Consumption.....	3.43	galls per head per day
Total Consumption.....	32.96	galls per head per day

The population supplied by means of standpipes is 165 which is 2.85%

(ii). DRAINAGE AND SANITATION. The Town Sewerage is on a partially separate system with outfall to sea, through Woodbrook Terrace on the South Side of the G.W.R. Main Line, and through a septic tank situated at the Old Harbour. A scheme for the un-sewered portion of the Urban Area has been prepared by Messrs A.P.I. Cotterell & Sons, Engineers, London, and has been submitted to the Welsh Board of Health for their observations. An Inquiry will be held by the Welsh Board of Health in the near future.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. The watercourses at the rear of Bethany Chapel and Dyfatty Stream are cleaned regularly. No flooding of New Street ocurred during the year.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. The number of houses from which night soil is collected is 41.

(iii) SALVAGE. The following quantities of salvaged materials were collected during the year:-

	TONS.	CWTS.	QRS.	LBS.
Waste Paper.....	22	10	-	-
Mixed Scrap Metal.....	-	14	-	-
Rags, Textiles etc.....	-	-	-	-
Bones.....	-	7	-	-
Bottles.....	-	-	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance	3
Houses fumigated after Infectious diseases	2
Factories	21
Dairies	15
Cowsheds	17
Ice Cream Premises	18
Bakehouses	6
Slaughterhouse	52
Butcher Shops	22
Cinema	12
Drains	25
Sewers	15
Cesspools	2
Watercourses	7
Back Lanes	12
Public Conveniences	44
Refuse Tip	104
Water Supply	187

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

	Prelim.	Stat.	Total
Repairs to walls and ceilings	28	2	30
Repairs to floors, doors and windows	27	-	27
Roof Repairs	25	2	27
Downpipes renewed or repaired	14	-	14
Drains, blockages cleared	5	-	5
W.C. Pans repaired	4	1	5
Flushing systems cisterns repaired	44	-	44
Water service to houses	142	-	142

RAT INFESTATION.

Number killed on premises - 2,650 (including 163 bodies found).
Number killed in Sewer Treatment - 54 (Bodies found 9).

(v). SHOPS. No action was necessary under Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934.

(vi) CAMPING SITES. There is One Camping Site in the Urban Area, situated at Derwydd near the foreshore, which is used as a Holiday Camp.

(vii) SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action was necessary during the year.

(viii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such pools in the Urban Area. During the summ months, sea bathing is enjoyed by a large number of inhabitants and visitors to the Town.

(ix) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. Not a single house was infested.

(4) SCHOOLS. The Schools are kept in a sanitary condition. All Schools and School Kitchens are connected to the main sewer.

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928. There are no premises where Rag Flock is manufactured.

LIVING VANS. Living Vans are not allowed to remain in the Urban Area.

COUNCIL'S PUBLIC CEMETERY. There were 19 burials during the year as compared with 27 for the previous year.

MORTUARY. 4 Post Mortem examinations were held in the Council's Mortuary as compared with 9 the previous year.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND BAKEHOUSES.
Number of Registered premises inspected during the year..... 16
Number of Registered premises certified for limewashing.....NIL

SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts).....93
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....131

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925& 1932 78
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 78

(3) (a) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 3

(4) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 1

2. REMEDY DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 32

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a), Proceeding under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936

(1) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- 18

(a) By owners.....18
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.....NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs..... 35

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By Owners.....NIL.
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.....NIL

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....NIL
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....NIL.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground room in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....NIL.
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.....NIL.

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HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART 1V - OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of the year.....	25
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein.....	41
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein.....	85
(b)	(i)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	10
	(ii)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....	5
(c)	(iii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases..	20

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....NIL.

HOUSING GENERALLY. One house was built by private enterprise.

There are no vacant houses in the Urban Area.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL. 6 Houses have been built in Erw Terrace. 28 Houses have been built on The Crescent & Brynhyfryd. There are 14 traditional houses in course of erection at Brynhyfryd.

A Scheme is being prepared to erect 36 houses on the Ashburnham Road Housing Site.

The total number of Post War Houses built & occupied is 74.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY. There are 19 registered Milk Vendors, 14 of which are in the Urban Area.

Licences are granted on the lines of the Milk and Dairies Order 1926. No Licences have been issued under the Milk Special Designation Order 1936.

Examinations of all registered premises with regard to cowsheds and dairies are made by the Surveyor himself.

The dairies are kept in a very good condition and particular attention is paid to cans and utensils.
Number of Notices served to repair cowsheds.....7

84 Samples of Milk were taken under the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme and sent for examination. Examinations are made at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

16 Samples of Milk were taken under the National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme and submitted for tuberculosis examination, all of which were found to be negative.

(b). MEAT etc., Bakehouses, Shops and Vehicles are regularly inspected and always kept under observation.

Section 14 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938. 17 Certificates werei issued under this Section during the year.

ICE CREAM. Ice Cream is manufactured by 4 Vendors in the Area. The premises are frequently inspected and are always found to be very clean, and as far as possible comply with the Act.
No of Samples taken: 11, RESULTS: GRADE 1-3 GRADE 2-4 GRADE 3-3 GRADE 4-1.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE. Public Abattoir. This is the Council's propery. The Ministry of Food discontinued killing at the Slaughterhouse on October 17th 1942. The premises are used as a Depot for receiving and distributing meat. The tolls received from the South Western Wholesale Meat Supplies Association for use of part of the Slaughter-

house as a Depot were £224 - 15 - 4d as compared with £287 - 2 - 2d for the year 1947. This is owing to the Humping Charges being done by the S.W.M.S.A.

Public Health Meat Regulations are complied with.

ADULTERATION, etc., No action has been necessary under the various powers.

(d) CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.
When necessary, samples are examined by the University College of Wales Aberystwyth.

(e) NUTRITION Advantage is taken at the Welfare Centre of instructing mothers as to the value of nutrition.

(f). SHELL-FISH. (Molluscan). There are no Shell-Fish Beds in the district.

SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

(2). Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied at the Council's expense when necessary, but owing to the immediate admission of cases of Diphtheria to the County Isolation Hospital, few cases receive antitoxin before admission. No cases were notified during the year.

There have been no cases of Malaria or Dysentry notified during the year.

According to Infectious Diseases Regulation 1927, a supply of forms are provided for notification of Malaria, Dysentry, Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

No action has been necessary under the Public Health (Small-pox Prevention) Regulations 1917. Disinfection of premises and articles exposed to infection is carried out by the Council.

NON-NOTIFIABLE ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There were no deaths from Influeza.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. 12.60 of children under 5 years have been immunised. .14 of children 5-15 years have been immunised. Treatment is proceeding. 13 were given a new reinforcing injection.

(a). PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. No action was necessary under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

(b). PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172.(PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS).
Steps would be taken to prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory Tract from participating in the Milk Trade. No action was necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925. There have been no cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis which have been refused Sanatorium Treatment and who are not in suitable surroundings thus avoiding risk of conveying infection.

5. TUBERCULOSIS New Cases and Mortality during 1948.

New Cases				Deaths.			
Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
				3			1

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT 1948.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.
All causes.....	30	28
Tuberculosis.....	3	1
Influenza.....	-	-
Cancer.....	1	6
Diabetes.....	-	-
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.....	2	4
Heart Disease.....	10	8
Other Dis. of Circ. System.....	1	1
Bronchitis.....	3	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.....	-	-
Diarrhoea.....	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases.....	-	1
Nephritis.....	2	-
Premature Birth.....	-	-
Suicide.....	2	-
Road Traffic Accidents.....	-	-
Other Violent Causes.....		1
All other causes.....	5	4
Other Resp. Diseases.....	-	-
Con: Mal: Birth inj. Infant: Dis:....	1	-

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We remain,

Your obedient Servants,

R. LESLIE WILLIAMS, M.O.H.

J.E. VAUGHAN EVANS, SANITARY INSPECTOR.